

2003 EQIP LOCAL CONCERN: WHITE COUNTY INDIANA

2003 RANKING/EVALUATION CRITERIA

Landowner _____

Farm# _____

Operator _____

Tract# _____

Completed by _____

Date _____

RANKING (CIRCLE APPROPRIATE STATUS)

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| 1. Livestock Management | LOW | MED | HIGH |
| 2. Water Quality | LOW | MED | HIGH |
| 3. Erosion | LOW | MED | HIGH |
| 4. Forest Management | LOW | MED | HIGH |

***IF PRACTICE(S) HAS ALREADY BEEN APPLIED, NO POINTS CAN BE RECEIVED.
IF DURING FIELD VISIT PRACTICE(S) ARE DETERMINED NOT NEEDED OR NOT
FEASIBLE, APPLICATION WILL REQUIRE RE-RANKING.***

1. LIVESTOCK MANAGEMENT

- A. Is any portion the tract considered a groundwater risk (use 'Relative Ground Water Vulnerability Map FOTG Section 1 and ranking Medium to Very High) YES or NO
- B. Is any part in the tract located less than ¼ mile from a perennial stream or permanent water source (Perennial defined as a solid blue line on the USGS quadrangle) YES or NO
- C. Planned storage capacity will exceed existing by at least 25% **OR** Planned storage equals or exceeds nine months. (Must provide engineering documentation) YES or NO
- D. Plan to increase manure/waste application acres beyond current acres **OR** Per a waste utilization plan, plan to increase spreading acres to properly apply manure/waste YES or NO
- E. Will an approved waste storage structure/lagoon/utilization (313/359/633) plan be implemented YES or NO
- F. Plan to inject, or incorporated within 24 to 48 hours surface incorporated, all waste applications. YES or NO
- G. Where manure is spread, plan to add/enhance filter strips to CRP eligible areas (surface inlets, WASCOB, streams). YES or NO
- H. Plan to permanently fence pastures for rotational grazing into at least four paddocks. YES or NO
- I. Planned livestock water supply limits access to open water. YES or NO
- J. Develop and implement prescribed grazing plan. YES or NO

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF 'YES' RESPONSES: **HIGH** (5-10) **MED** (3-4) **LOW** (0-2)

2. Water quality

- A. Plan to develop/implement approved nutrient and pest management **OR** irrigation management plan on all cropped acres of the tract. (Must circle 'NO' if (already following all tri-state fertility recommendations and NRCS standards)

YES or NO

- B. Is distance from cropland acres to perennial stream or permanent water source less than 1000 feet.

YES or NO

- D. Enhance or restore stream buffer area (only if done through EQIP and meet NRCS standards).

YES or NO

- E. Wetland restoration or enhancement (only if done through EQIP)

YES or NO

- F. Seal abandoned wells.

YES or NO

- G. Will the implementation of planned practice control or not allow livestock access to a watering sources current being used?

YES or NO

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF 'YES' RESPONSES: **HIGH** (3-6) **MED** (2) **LOW** (0-1)

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YES or NO¶

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3. Soil erosion/sedimentation control

- A. Will planned practice reduce sediment delivery from cropland acres (sheet & rill erosion).

YES or NO

- B. Will planned practice reduce gully and ephemeral erosion.

YES or NO

- C. Will planned practice reduce streambank and shoreline erosion.

YES or NO

- D. Apply no-till/strip-till on a minimum of 50% of cropped acres of the tract (Tract must be new to this type of practice).

YES or NO

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF 'YES' RESPONSES: **HIGH** (2-4) **MED** (1) **LOW** (0)

4. Forest Management

- A. Establish new Upland Wildlife Habitat Management area include trees/scrubs (per meet NRCS standards) (Minimum one acre and not a part of any current Federal or State conservation program).

YES or NO

- B. Establish new tree/shrub planting (must be covered by conservation plan) (Minimum one acre and not a part of any current Federal or State conservation program).

YES or NO

- C. Less than one mile to other grassland/forest easement/conservancy.

YES or NO

- D. Food plot establishment (¼ acre/40 acres minimum).

YES or NO

- E. Do livestock presently have access to planned forestry practice area **AND** will access now be discontinued or controlled per a conservation plan for the life of practice?

YES or NO

CIRCLE THE NUMBER OF 'YES' RESPONSES: **HIGH** (2-5) **MED** (1) **LOW** (0)